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GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. AUTHORITY AND DESIGNATION.

This is a Federal advisory committee established by authority of the Secretary of the Interior under Section 3 of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-2(c)). The official designation of the committee is the Going-to-the-Sun Road Advisory Committee (Committee).

B. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the National Park Service in the development of alternatives for reconstruction of the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park, focusing on road condition and reconstruction strategies, including scheduling, cost and measures to mitigate impacts on visitors and local economies. These alternatives will then be analyzed in an environmental document that will provide the basis for the agency decision.

C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory, and are as stated in paragraph B above.

D. MEMBERSHIP.

1. The Committee is comprised of 17 members reflecting the various interests concerned with the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:
 - a. One member representing the interests of the Blackfeet Tribe, as recommended by the Blackfeet Tribal Government;
 - b. One member representing the interests of the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes, as recommended by the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribal Government;
 - c. One representative of local government within the area immediately east of Glacier National Park;
 - d. One representative of local government within the area immediately west of Glacier National Park;
 - e. One representative from recommendations of the Governor of Montana;
 - f. Two representatives of local business within the multiple county area immediately east of Glacier National Park;
 - g. Two representatives of local business within the multiple county area immediately west of Glacier National Park.

- h. One representative from recommendations of a State and/or national tourism (marketing) organization;
 - i. One representative from recommendations of a national environmental organization;
 - j. One representative from recommendations of a national historic preservation organization;
 - k. One representative having engineering expertise of a national reputation;
 - l. One representative having economic expertise of a national reputation;
 - m. One representative, at large; and,
 - n. Two representatives from Canada, from recommendations of the tourism and business communities of Southern Alberta.
2. Members will be appointed for 4-year terms. If no new member is appointed on or prior to the expiration date of an incumbent's term, the incumbent member may continue to serve until the new appointment is made. Any vacancy on the Committee will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
3. Any member who fails to attend two successive meetings of the Committee or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Committee, may be removed from the Committee by the Secretary and a replacement named.
4. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Committee business approved by the Designated Federal Official will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under section 5703 of title 5 of the United States Code.

E. ADMINISTRATION.

1. **CHARTER.** The Committee is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994) and shall take no action unless the charter filing requirements of Sections 9 and 14(b) of the Act have been complied with. The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date this charter is filed, unless, prior to that time, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.
2. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL.** The Committee reports to the Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service, Denver Colorado. The Regional Director or a Federal employee designated by the Regional Director, will serve as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for purposes of Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to oversee the management of the Committee.

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3. CHAIRPERSON. The Committee will select a Chairperson from among the membership.
4. SUPPORT AND COSTS. Support for the Committee is provided by the National Park Service. The estimated annual operating cost of the Committee is \$97,000, which includes the cost of 1 work-year of staff support.
5. MEETINGS. It is expected that the Committee will meet approximately two times a year. All meetings will be subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and will be held at the call of or with the advance written approval of the Regional Director. Notice of meetings and agendas will be published in the *Federal Register* and in State and local newspapers having a distribution that generally covers the area affected by Glacier National Park. Committee meetings will be held at locations and in such manner as to ensure public access and involvement.
6. QUORUM. Ten members of the Committee will constitute a quorum. The Committee will act and advise by affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Vacancies on the Committee will not affect its power to function, if there remain sufficient members to constitute a quorum. The Committee will seek to obtain consensus among the members. If consensus cannot be reached, a majority vote will determine the Committee position. The Committee will provide to the Designated Federal Official both the minority and majority opinions on issues that must be resolved by vote.
7. SUBCOMMITTEES. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may form subcommittees drawn in whole or in part from the full Committee, provided that the role of such committees will be merely to provide information and recommendations for consideration by the full Committee. Any such subcommittees will be chaired by a member of the full Committee. Membership on and meetings of subcommittees are subject to approval by the Designated Federal Official.

F. DURATION AND DATE OF TERMINATION.

The Committee will terminate once the National Park Service has made a final decision, or when funding is no longer available, whichever comes first. All appointments will terminate with the Committee.



Secretary of the Interior

SEP 28 1999

Date Signed

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DATE CHARTER FILED

THE FILING DATE OF THIS FIRST CHARTER CONSTITUTES THE DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE.